

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2010

The committee of the whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grill in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:10 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, on November 18, 2010.

Members present: Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chair; Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Vice Chair; Mr. Max Huey, Ms. Toni Cooley, and Mr. Ed Perry.

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Fiona Qualls, and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed all board members and asked Dr. Clark to provide his report.

Dr. Clark stated that the Governor's Executive Budget Report came out Monday, November 15, 2010. Governor Barbour is proposing a 3.13 percent cut for the colleges and an 8.09 percent cut for the SBCJC. The 8.09 percent cut is the standard cut among state agencies. The Governor is proposing increasing Career Technical Education funding by \$7 million. Our message is that we have been underfunded compared to the other educational entities over the past decade and our enrollment has increased 31 percent over the past three years.

Regarding the BP oil spill, Dr. Clark spoke with Mr. Tom Oppel, the assistant to Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus. Mr. Oppel mentioned that we need to make a concerted effort to get all four states, (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida,) that were affected by the BP oil spill, in requesting any kind of federal help that may be available. Dr. Debra West, Kell Smith and Dr. Clark have worked on a proposal that is substantially complete and asks for \$5 million for each of the four states, for a total of \$20 million total over two years to do workforce training related to the oil industry.

Dr. Clark stated he would ask approval from the board members to purchase \$1,500 in advertisements from Mississippi Public Broadcasting, promoting the community college system. These will be aired during the Mississippi high school football playoffs. MACJC said they would purchase \$1,500 in advertisements, bringing the total amount to be spent for advertising to \$3,000.

Dr. Eddie Smith has resigned as the designated member to represent the SBCJC at MS Public Broadcasting board meetings.

The Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration is lacking one board member. Dr. Clark asked Ms. Cooley and Mrs. Dickens for a recommendation for that vacancy and they both recommended Dr. Roy DeBerry, a long-time administrator and professor at Jackson State University. Dr. Clark will request approval from the board.

Dr. Clark reported that he will seek approval from the board for an updated smoking and smokeless tobacco policy for the agency. He reported that the agency has been notified of a person's intent to sue as a result of an injury sustained on a sidewalk at Pearl River Community College. He concluded his report.

Dr. Debra West reported that she would present the usual workforce reports and Career Readiness Certificate reports on Friday. Dr. West talked about Exhibit B1 and said the exhibit numbers would have to be changed from B1 to B1a, which is a request for curricula to be submitted for final approval. The next exhibit will be B1b which is the Statewide Articulation Agreement for CTE. This is a revision that they do every year.

Dr. West said exhibits B2 through B5 are new program requests, new location requests, and a new program option. Exhibit B6 is an update on the Jones County Junior College program at the South Mississippi Correctional Institute. The exhibit provides history from the inception of the program. Exhibit B7 is an informational item that shows different programs that receive non-traditional funds and Perkins grants. Exhibit B8 is the Accreditation Recommendation for Virginia College. Ms. Cooley said she would recuse herself from the discussion on Friday's meeting as she is involved with proprietary school business. Dr. West concluded her report.

Dr. Fiona Qualls, Associate Executive Director for Academic Affairs, said she would present the bi-monthly Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration report at the Friday morning meeting.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration, said she would present the Finance agenda at the Friday meeting to include a request to approve the Educational Enhancement Fund disbursements for November 30, 2010. The financial statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of October 31, 2010, will be provided to board members for informational purposes only.

Mrs. Gilbert will request approval of the Z-1 Budget Revision. This is Item 3 on the Finance agenda. This will escalate the fiscal year 2011 SBCJC budget for 100 percent federal ARRA funds to be awarded for a statewide Longitudinal Data System grant program in the amount of \$974,679.00 in year one. Also, in Item 5, Mrs. Gilbert will present information related to a revenue contract between MDE and SBCJC to assist in the development of a statewide Longitudinal Data System in support of an ARRA grant to MDE for a total of \$1,265,214.

Mrs. Gilbert will request a purchasing approval for professional services agreement between ChannelMatter and SBCJC to deploy and support a pilot system for Student Evaluation of Interest (SEI) and Strategic Planning (SP) solutions in the amount of \$252,410.

The Governor's fiscal year 2012 budget recommendations for community colleges will be discussed as well as the end of fiscal year 2010 reports. These will include the comparison of revenue by source and expenditure by program and object, the district tax support and auxiliary enterprises, revenues and expenditures.

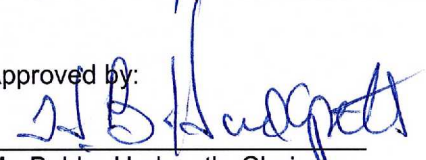
Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

There being no other business, Chairman Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by:


Missy Saxton, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director